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Chief, London Bureau

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Request 25 Feb 1949 for Special French Coverage

1. The response of London Bureau editors and of the BBC Monitoring Service to message 251330 requesting special coverage of Paris broadcasts is appreciated. The request was occasioned by a report that a "Journal de Paris" broadcast at 0645 Paris time was giving instructions in connection with a "Fascist uprising" scheduled for 27 February 1949. The Director of Central Intelligence had personally requested that FBIB investigate the report.

2. It is observed that in such an instance it is of equal importance to discredit a preposterous report as to confirm a plausible one.

3. It is expected that the establishment of cipher facilities at FBIB field bureaus within a short time will make it possible to furnish more specific instructions in transmitting classified requests received too late for handling through present cipher facilities.

4. Request this information be conveyed to BBC.

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